



Master of Arts in Teaching Pathway to Educator Licensure

This fact sheet is intended to provide information pertaining to the MAT route to Arkansas Licensure

What is the Master of Arts in Teaching program?

Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) programs are administered through those Arkansas Colleges and Universities that have been approved by the Department of Education. Depending on how the programs have been approved, participants may be employed as a classroom educator at the same time they are completing the requirements for their master's degree and full educator licensure.

Below are general requirements for MAT programs. Contact the College or University MAT Office for specific institutional requirements.

What are the minimum requirements to be admitted into a MAT program?

- A bachelor's degree or higher, from a nationally/regionally accredited IHE
- Minimum GPA of 2.70 or a minimum GPA of 2.9 for the last 60 credit hours
- Passing score(s) on the current Praxis subject assessment for the subject/grade level

What are the requirements to receive a MAT provisional license?

- Submit a completed [ADE licensure application](#)
- Complete both the criminal records check and the Child Maltreatment Central Registry check
- Complete the pre-service professional development through Arkansas Ideas
- Document employment as teacher-of-record in an Arkansas public, private, or charter school, teaching a minimum of three (3) hours per day in the appropriate licensure area(s)

What are other requirements of MAT programs?

- Maintain a cumulative GPA in the MAT program of no less than 3.0
- MAT candidates not serving as teacher-of-record under a provisional license must complete a traditional internship (student teaching) as a culminating experience of the candidate's program of study

How do I convert to a 5 year standard license?

- Submit official transcript(s) documenting an awarded master's degree in teaching from an accredited institution of higher education
- Receive passing scores on all licensure assessments appropriate to the licensure area
- Receive a recommendation from the licensure officer at the institution of higher education
- Completed [ADE licensure application](#) and payment of \$75 processing fee

For information on specific programs, contact the [Institution of Higher Education](#) offering the program or call 501-682-4560.